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APPLICANT: Hans-Dieter Gaul

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006 please amend  
the above-referenced application as follows: